



CASS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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April 2, 2020

Dear Ms. Barrick:

On April 2, 2020, the Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Supervisors met and approved the support of The Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application. The grant application includes the following activities within the Camp Ripley Sentential Landscape (a 10-mile radius of Camp Ripley including parts of Cass, Crow Wing, Todd, and Morrison Counties):

1. SWCD and private consultants will write 70 Forest Stewardship Plans for private landowners and forestry improvement projects.
2. Great River Greening will complete forestry improvement projects on public and private conservation easements lands.
3. The Nature Conservancy will utilize prescribed fire restoration on 200-acres of public or private lands.

The Crow Wing SWCD will serve as the fiscal agent for the project and coordinate with all partners. Partners for this project will include the Great River Greening, The Nature Conservancy, Morrison, Crow Wing, Cass and Todd SWCDs, and Camp Ripley.

This project will focus on forest resilience for all lands. Landowners will be able to choose which programs they participate and what level of service they receive. Please see attached map of the project area. If awarded, we understand the grant funds would be available July 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David L. Peterson'.

David Peterson, Chairman
Cass Soil and Water Conservation District

Cc: Cass County SWCD Supervisors